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# Credit laws fail to stop misleading advertising on second mortgages

By Michael Dynes

Deceptive advertising designed to exploit borrowers already in severe financial difficulty has exposed serious weaknesses in the Consumer Credit Act.

The advertisements have led to calls for urgent changes in the way the Office of Fair Trading interprets the regulations governing the sale of credit.

The demand for reform comes from reputable financiers and brokers who fear that the sharp practices employed by a growing number of small finance companies and brokers is bringing the industry as a whole into disrepute.

An inquiry by *The Times* Home Front campaign has also disclosed that misleading advertisements, dubious sales techniques and "equity lending" have become increasingly widespread during the past year because of the absence of effective regulations to prevent them.

Equity lending attracts unscrupulous firms who lend only to borrowers who have already paid off more than half of their mortgage.

The lenders are fully aware that the people who come to them are already in financial trouble, and there is a good chance that they will fall into arrears again - giving the loan company the right to possess the property. According to county court registrars and money advice centres spoken to by *The Times*, this practice is on the increase.

These companies attract customers with highly emotive advertisements in the national newspapers claiming to offer "the only way out" for debtors with mortgage arrears, credit card debts, county court judgements and possession orders against them.

According to Mr Peter Walker, chairman of the Corporation of Finance Brokers, many of these companies attract customers by initially offering relatively modest rates of interest, and then switching customers on to much higher interest rates because of the customer's poor debt profile.

Because of a flaw in the Consumer Credit Act, prospective borrowers are often

unable to compare the cost of various loan schemes as companies and brokers are not required to show their charge, often more than 10 per cent, for arranging a loan when they show the annual percentage rate of interest, or APR.

For example, one Liverpool-based company recently advertised loans at an APR of 18.8 per cent. At the same time, a London-based company advertised loans at an



APR of 15.9 per cent. Ostensibly, a prospective borrower would be better off taking out a loan from the London firm.

But a closer look at the repayment tables shows that a customer borrowing say £5,000 over five years from the Liverpool firm would be paying £125.35 per month, while the same loan from the London firm would cost £130.35 per month, a difference of £300 over five years.

The London firm, like many other companies operating in the second mortgage market, exploits the loophole in the consumer credit law which does not require companies to incorporate their charge for arranging the loan in the APR figure.

Pamphlets published by the Office of Fair Trading urge consumers to compare the APRs of the various loans on offer, and claim that "the lower the APR the better the deal". But because there is no requirement to include in the APR the fee for arranging the loan, the APR is frequently an inaccurate guide to the cost of a loan.

Mr Walker said: "If the APR is to mean anything, it should include the fee for arranging a loan. The fact that it doesn't is a major anomaly in the law. If the Office of Fair Trading believes that it is interpreting the law correctly, then the law clearly needs to be amended."

## Housing group calls for greater spending

By Our Property Correspondent

A complete overhaul of government policy on housing is an urgent priority in tackling Britain's housing problems, the newly-formed National Housing Forum says in its first important statement, to be published today.

The measures needed include increased capital investment in housing from public and private sources, more freedom for local authorities to spend capital, and greater fiscal neutrality between home-ownership and the rented sectors, the NHF says.

The group, formed earlier this year, has 16 members representing the breadth of the housing spectrum, including local authorities, housing associations, private builders, building societies and pressure groups such as Shelter.

It has agreed a radical package of proposals which it intends to press on the Government - and any future government.

The proposals are the result of a "common concern" that in many areas some people face problems of severe housing shortage and unsatisfactory housing conditions and that these problems are getting more acute.

In its statement the group concludes: "We recommend the Government provides an

authoritative assessment of future housing requirements against which renovations and house building performance can be assessed".

The forum criticizes "anomalies" in the present financial arrangements for personal subsidies to occupiers, both between home owners and tenants and between richer and poorer owners.

It says: "We believe current arrangements for housing finance, including mortgage interest tax relief, Exchequer and other grants should be considered to see whether there are reforms which would create greater fiscal neutrality and greater equity".

The forum seeks more freedom for local authorities to spend capital, including capital receipts from sales of council housing, on building and renovation, and calls for increased lending to responsible, publicly approved landlords of different kinds by investment institutions including building societies and pension funds.

It also calls for efforts to be made to avoid repeating design disasters of the 1960s by better on-site supervision, adequate testing and evaluation of prototype building methods and consultation with occupiers.

## Holiday homes set on fire

Two more Welsh holiday homes were severely damaged in arson attacks yesterday. Both the homes were on Lleyn Peninsula in Gwynedd - a chalet at Abersoch and a cliff-side cottage at Nefyn, 15 miles away.

Forensic scientists searched the debris in a hunt for clues. There have been seven arson attacks in Gwynedd since the summer and 200 in Wales since 1979.

Yesterday Mr Wyn Roberts, a Welsh Office minister, said: "These attacks are hurting tourism and the economies of local areas".

He pointed out that the Welsh Office was willing to help councils in countryside areas to buy vacant homes if there was a housing need locally.

"There have not been many applications," he added. "But many holiday homes are so remote they are not really suitable for local people with young families."

"The arson attacks are totally irrelevant with our housing problems, which are mainly to do with the matter of old housing stock."

## Grade 'to move back to ITV'

A coincidence involving the resignation of a senior television executive and the staging of a symposium at his studios has prompted speculation that Mr Michael Grade may be invited to revert from the BBC to independent television (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

The rumours began flying when Mr Grade, the director of programmes, was seen in private conversation last week with Mr David Justham, chairman of Central TV.

Two days later Mr Bob Phillips announced that he was resigning as managing director of Central to join the Caritoo Communications Group.

The BBC yesterday dismissed a report that Mr Grade, formerly of London Weekend Television, was being offered the job as "sheer speculation". Mr Grade, who is in the US to attend events marking the fiftieth anniversary of television, was not available for comment yesterday.

Mr Michael Green, Controller of BBC Radio 4, is to announce a programme review tomorrow.

## Easy loans pushing up bottom of market

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

The ready availability of mortgage money is a prime cause of sharp price increases in houses for first-time buyers at the bottom end of the market, the Inland Revenue Valuation Office states in its autumn property report.

The report says of first-time buyers: "It is evident that the ease by which many of them have been granted up to 100 per cent mortgages at high multiples of earnings is now causing increased repossession problems."

"The granting of such mortgages is no favour to many of these purchasers."

The Valuation Office, which has some 1,600 qualified valuers in England and Wales, claims it is in an unrivalled position to see the property market as a whole, for all sales are notified to the Inland Revenue.

The report says that resales of former council houses sold under the Right to Buy legislation are increasing, and there are likely to be more on offer when the period for the repayment of tenants' discount is reduced from five years to three under the Housing and Planning Act.

*Property Market Report* (Surveyors Publications, 12 Great George Street, London SW1 3AD).



Mr Peter Wilmers, of the Rossendale Groundwork Trust (right), and Mr Steve Wrighton, its fisheries officer, on board the Irwell Challenger, surveying the spot on the Irwell at Rawtenstall, Lancashire, where Mr Richard Branson, chairman of UK 2000, will today release the first of 118 trout. The ceremony will mark the creation of 118 Community Programme jobs.

## How to learn architects' language

By Charles Kneivt Architecture Correspondent

Anyone who has ever tried to understand an architect's drawings can now use a simple guide produced by the Centre on Environment for the Handicapped by the Access Committee for England.

*Reading Plans*, a series of drawings with explanatory

notes, has been written by Stephen Thorpe, an architect, who says that learning to read drawings is like trying to learn a foreign language at school. But armed with a scale rule and an understanding of what they depict, anyone can learn to speak the same tongue.

It is estimated that about 10 million people in Britain suf-

fer from some disability. The Government is backing proposals that local disability access groups should be consulted about plans for new buildings, especially those where there is public access, such as local authority departments, cinemas and theatres.

Mrs Sarah Langton-Lockton, director of the centre and

secretary to the Access Committee, said that access for the disabled is often considered to be a luxury. But those with a physical disability wanted to be treated as part of society, not as a separate group.

*Reading Plans*, including scale rule (Access Committee for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BJ, £2.50).

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# Blow to 2,500 jobs and £900m research loss if contract goes to US

Sometime in the days before Christmas the telephone will ring on the desks of Mr Bill Alexander, managing director of GEC Avionics at Rochester in Kent, and Mr Mark Miller, president of Boeing Aerospace, at his headquarters in Seattle.

Both calls will be from the same office within the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall but for one of the men the message will take the sparkle out of the seasonal festivities.

The Government is in the final stages of its consideration about which aircraft it will choose to provide Britain with its new generation of airborne early warning radar.

The decision, difficult enough on the straight technical questions, is further complicated by the potentially embarrassing political repercussions.

For if the Government plumps for the Boeing E-3 Awacs in favour of GEC's home-produced Nimrod it will effectively be writing off more than £900 million of taxpayers' money already pumped into the development of about 10 years of development work and potential ex-

*One of the most crucial debates for Britain's future defence capability, the choice of the home-produced GEC Nimrod or the E-3 Awacs aircraft of America's Boeing company for the airborne early warning role, is coming to a climax. In the first of two articles Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent, looks at competition for the contract and the implications of the outcome.*

port orders for the avionics system of up to £2 billion.

According to GEC, the company with the most to lose from the wrong telephone call, a "no" decision means that the Government will be writing the redundancy notices for 2,500 staff engaged on the project who will have to start looking for jobs the next day.

It also says that a no vote would take Britain out of the lucrative world market for airborne early warning systems conceding domination to the Americans.

The search for a successor to the small and ageing fleet of Shackleton aircraft has been going on for a decade. The ministry gave the go-ahead for the Nimrod project in 1977 with the first aircraft expected to be delivered by 1982.

When it eventually did arrive, two years later, it failed the RAF evaluation and GEC

began an intensive programme to iron out the problems, mainly the clutter and false plots from the radar detection and tracking system.

Meanwhile, Boeing was proceeding with the delivery of 18 Awacs planes to a group of European Nato members; first ordered in 1978, the year after the ministry launched the Nimrod programme, the last of the Boeing planes were delivered last year.

In March the ministry gave GEC a short, new contract and invited competition. Six other companies joined the bid for the contract. In September it boiled down to a straight fight between GEC and Boeing.

Both companies submitted "best and final" bids to the ministry on November 6. They are now being evaluated by the procurement executive. Tomorrow: The rivals.



Sir Harry Secombe at home in Surrey yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

## Forty years of irreverent humour

Stars of the entertainment world gathered in the West End of London last night to pay tribute to 40 years of inspired lunacy (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

Sir Harry Secombe, erstwhile Goon and presenter of the BBC television's religious

programme, *Highway*, was honoured by the Variety Club of Great Britain at a banquet interspersed with music and appropriately irreverent humour from Jimmy Tarbuck and other admirers.

The comedian, aged 65, returned the compliment with

a number of anecdotes from his career, which began with a series of sketches at the Windmill Theatre for which he was paid £20 a week.

Among his memories was singing "Bless this House" to a captive audience, at Pentonville Prison.

## Professor's drive to bring youth into engineering

By Tim Jones

A conviction that Britain could be doomed to become an industrial joke stranded on the edge of Europe has led to the organization of the biggest science and technology show to be mounted in the country.

To be held at Brands Hatch in the summer of 1988, the show will not be just another opportunity for companies to sell their wares.

Specifically, it will show off the technological achievements of British companies and demonstrate their research and development programmes.

The extravaganza has one main aim and that is to encourage more young people to enter the field of science and engineering.

The British Science and Technology Show 1988 has been planned from a small office in Acton, west London, by Professor Paul D. Cook, who is determined to arrest what he sees as the decline of Britain as a serious competitive force in tomorrow's world.

In a way that horrifies some of his academic Oxbridge contemporaries, Professor Cook is so concerned about the problem that he has unashamedly courted the support of show business personalities to ram home his message.

It is a paradox, for Professor Cook believes that television soap and drama are largely to blame for the poor esteem in which the young consider engineering and science as a career.

"Shows like *Dallas* show a glamorous world in which money is apparently made with no real effort and parents can see other programmes in which fortunes are apparently made by people just moving bits of paper around and they think that would be rather a good thing for little Johnny to become involved with.

"Unfortunately for them, the truth is that unless more young people are attracted into science and engineering Britain will become an industrial antique."

Only British companies, or those with a British research base, will be allowed to exhibit at the show.

Free space will be provided for the universities and schools, where some of the owest ideas will be seen at their inception and at a level which creates interest for everyone.

Proceeds from the shows will be used to assist science and engineering education at all levels, ranging from the elementary stage at schools, through to research level at university.

## Prisoners' pact being ignored

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

A pact between states to transfer prisoners is failing to bring back Britons to complete their sentences in this country.

Since the agreement came into effect in August last year, only two prisoners have returned, both from Sweden, the Home Office says.

But 10 prisoners have gone from this country, nine of them to the US and one to Canada.

The National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad has complained to the Directorate of Legal Affairs at the Council of Europe.

France, along with Spain, Sweden, the US and Britain were the first to agree to operate the transfer system. Canada, Austria and Cyprus have followed.

In October there were more than 550 British prisoners in countries who operate the agreement. The Government says that 30 of these have expressed an interest in being transferred back to Britain, but so far only 13 formal requests have been received. Bureaucracy is said to be deterring applications and holding up those that have been made.

One British prisoner in France is a paraplegic who was jailed for five years last year for cocaine smuggling. He was also fined £264,000, which was later reduced to £20,000. The prisoner cannot apply to transfer because he cannot pay the fine.

A third prisoner, in Spain, has been trying for a year to obtain transfer. The council says: "The problem would appear to be persuading the Spanish authorities to treat the agreement seriously."

## Council's youth and music day

Mrs Terence Mallinson, Lord Mayor of Westminster, has invited 2,000 musicians from top marching bands to play in the first public parade to be held in the city on New Year's Day.

Marching bands from the US, decorated floats and colourful exhibits depicting London's world-wide business and cultural interests will mark the first annual celebration of youth and music.

Organized by Youth Music for the World, the parade will be mounted in support of Westminster City Council's contribution to the arts.

From noon on January 1 the two-mile route stretching from Piccadilly to Oxford Street will be the scene of an international celebration of "youthful exuberance, friendship and above all music", according to the organizers of the parade.

## Fire destroys school roof

One of Britain's oldest private schools, the seventeenth century Royal Alexandra and Albert school at Reigate, Surrey, was severely damaged by fire at the weekend.

Two members of staff and a fireman were treated in hospital after breathing smoke fumes. The fire destroyed the roof of the building.

## Council to ban foxhunting

Foxhunting on county council-owned land in Nottinghamshire is scheduled to be banned from tomorrow.

Councillors will be asked to approve a "charter for animal rights", put forward by the ruling Labour group seeking a ban on foxhunting.

## Pensioners learn to beat criminals

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Action is being taken by the police, Age Concern and other agencies to calm the fears of old people about doorstep con men and other criminals. In many parts there is a campaign to educate pensioners on how to protect themselves.

Today a week-long drive is to be started by Age Concern in Coventry to persuade pensioners to put their money in a bank or building society rather than keep it at home in some imagined secret hiding place easily found by criminals.

In Coventry, Age Concern knows of cases this year when con men have posed as council and other officials. The charity knows of one case in which a con man told two elderly ladies he wanted to warn them about burglars and bluffed his way into their home. Age Concern itself has been falsely impersonated.

The Midlands Electricity Board is mounting a separate campaign to warn its customers of the dangers of letting strangers into their homes under the slogan "If in doubt keep them out".

The board wants all customers to check staff identity cards and if necessary leave the workmen standing on the doorstep while double checking with the local offices. The board has a secret password system for blind customers.

The board says that old people without a bank account sometimes have hundreds and even thousands of pounds in the house.

In Taunton, police have a card to be handed to callers asking them to produce identification.

In Norfolk the number of people pestered into parting with belongings is reported to have risen. Age Concern has a scheme to provide door chains and safety locks for people in the county.

Twenty eight thousand postcard-sized notices, similar to the Taunton cards, have been printed for distribution in Thames Valley by Age Concern.

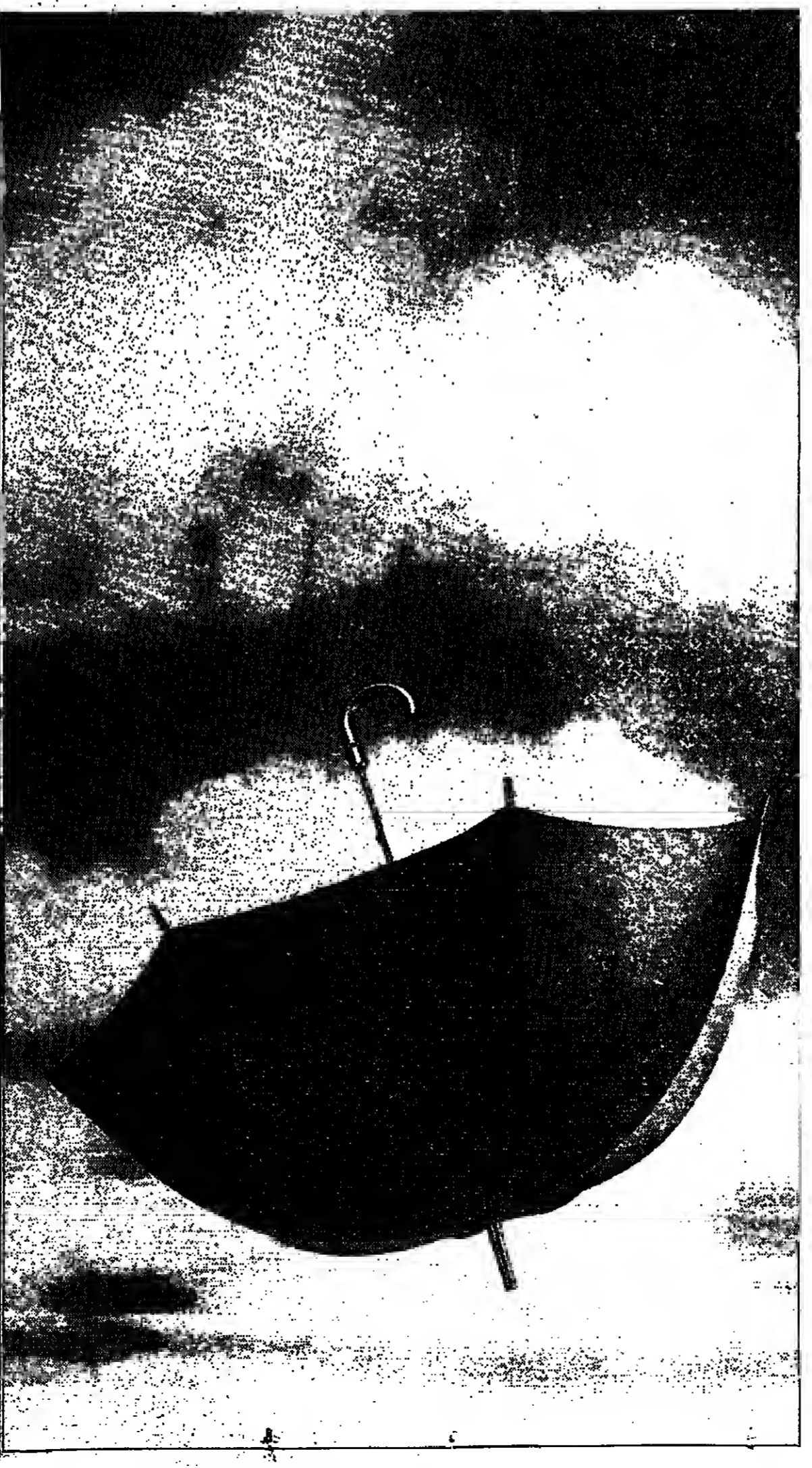
In Northumberland a joint campaign has been launched by Age Concern and the police after reports of cases of elderly people paying more than £100 to bogus workmen who take money without doing the job.

Warning leaflets in Westminster have been given to nearly 5,000 pensioners, advising them to use door viewers and chains.

There are plans by a community group to launch a scheme in Acton, west London, so that for £25 old people can have locks fitted against burglars.

Dr Rob Mawby, principal lecturer in social policy at Plymouth Polytechnic, told *The Times* that the 1984 British Crime Survey showed that elderly people were most affected by crime although it might be of the less serious kind.

Nationally, Age Concern is recommending that a joint conference be held with police on "Elderly people and the fear of crime".



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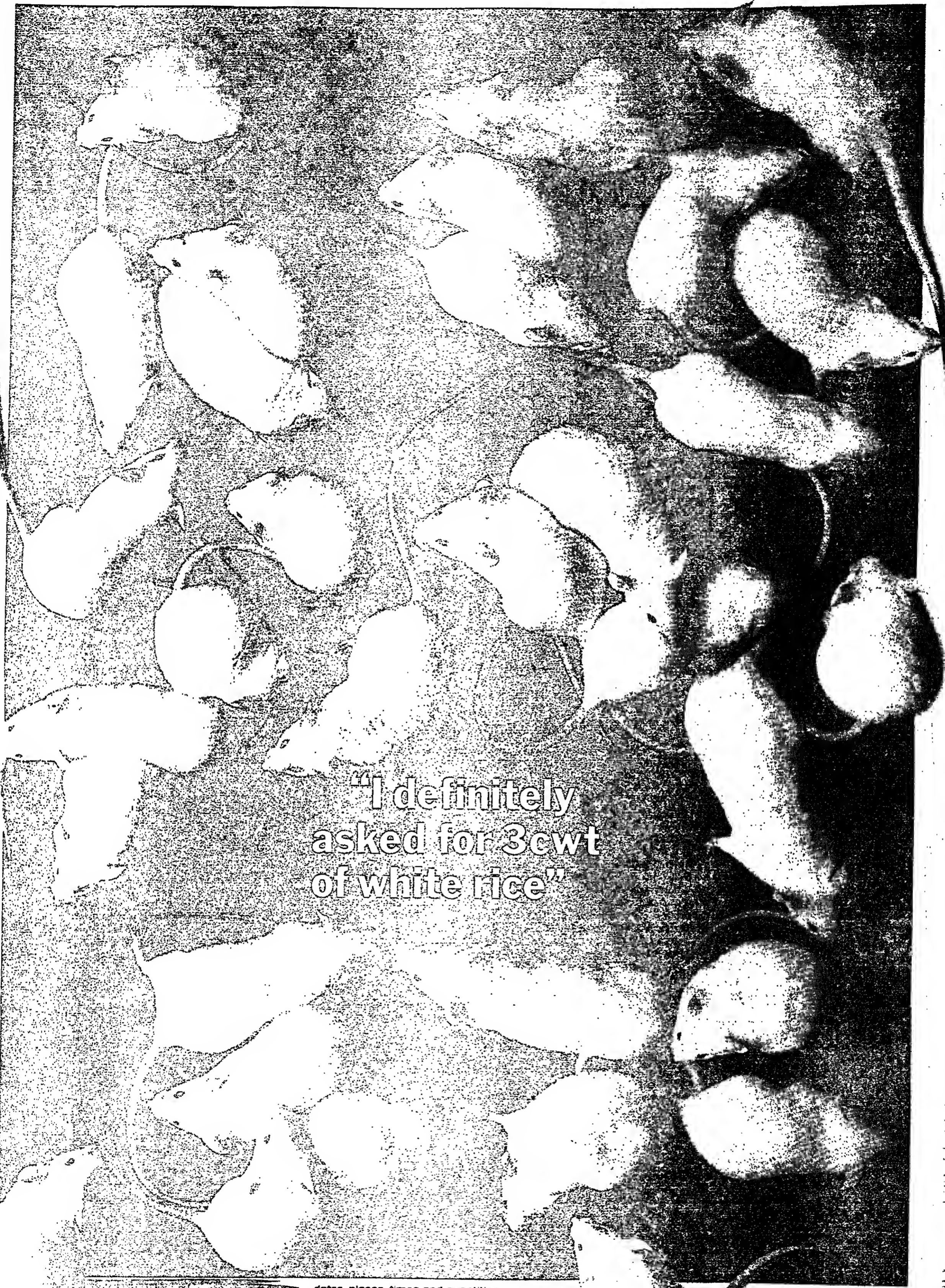
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The campaign was welcomed by the Greek Communist Party, the communists are largely responsible for the civil war...

Delhi bars Pakistanis

Karachi - Amid reports of a massive deployment of Indian troops for manoeuvres near Pakistan's borders...

The Consul-General, Mr. Ashok Seth, said the decision had been taken for administrative reasons...

Significantly, the announcement was made on the eve of the second seven-nation summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation...

Briton sought

Harare - Zimbabwe police are seeking the extradition of a Briton, Mr. Edwin Bertram, to help with inquiries into a prostitution ring involving schoolgirls...

Lovers in jail again

Los Angeles - A Californian couple who made a during daylight helicopter escape from a prison yard early this month were captured at the weekend as they shopped in a Sacramento jewellery store...

Sanctions-busters bust

Johannesburg (AFP) - An advertisement placed by error in a newspaper here this week has exposed some of the sanctions-busting operations being offered by sharp foreign operators to South African importers and exporters...

Placed by an Israeli-based firm and prominently displayed in the national daily Business Day, it said: "Any sanctions impediments can be circumvented through our offices for modest percentages..."

Arabs on trial

West Berlin - Two Jordanians, one of them the brother of the convicted terrorist Nizar Hawari, will appear today in a heavily-guarded court in West Berlin, charged with a terrorist bomb attack...

Alamed Hasi (left) the 35-year-old brother, and Farouk Salameh, aged 39, are charged jointly with attempted murder by bombing the German-Arab Society's centre in Berlin on March 29 this year.

OAS avoids decisions on region's problems

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City. The Organization of American States (OAS) wound up its annual meeting here having failed to propose realistic solutions to the region's main problems...

Kremlin wrath descends on prostitutes

From Christopher Walker, Moscow. After decades of hollow-sounding denials, the Soviet authorities have now officially admitted the existence of prostitution in the Soviet Union...

Reagan tells Thatcher Soviet-US deal would not affect UK deterrent

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mrs Thatcher was given a clear assurance by President Reagan at Camp David on Saturday that Britain's independent nuclear deterrent would not be affected by any US-Soviet arms reduction agreement...

The assurance is a boost to Mrs Thatcher's argument that Britain should go ahead with the purchase of the Trident to replace Britain's ageing Polaris missiles...

Iranian arms affair

From Peter Nichols, Rome. Any use made since of Italian ports for this traffic - both Alamein and Ancona have been mentioned in this respect - would have been done presumably without the Government's knowledge...

US change detected by Tehran

American policy towards Iran has changed "for the better", Tehran's envoy to the United Nations said yesterday (Reuters reports)...

Khushoggi deal report dismissed

Iranian dissident sources dismissed a report yesterday that Mr Adnan Khushoggi was involved in the US arms-for-hostages deal...



A publicity ban near polling stations had little effect in the Brazilian elections, but children seemed to be more attracted to the littered leaflets than the queues of voters.

Brazilian polls put Sarney ahead

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Early returns in nationwide weekend elections point to a comfortable victory for the left-of-centre candidates in the governing coalition of Brazilian President José Sarney...

The major party in Senhor Sarney's Democratic Alliance, the centre-left Brazilian Democratic Movement (PMDB), appears to have secured the upper hand...

The Liberal Front Party (PFL), the junior partner in the Alliance, suffered setbacks in key challenges for governorships...

Election officials reported the voting was free and fair, with no big disturbances. The official count, tabulated mostly by hand...

Opposition candidates on both left and right were losing by large margins, giving the coalition parties a near total victory...

Israeli jets raid PLO bases after stabbing

From Juan Carlos Guncacio, Beirut

The Israeli Air Force yesterday bombed three Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon in apparent retaliation for the murder of a Jewish Bible student in Jerusalem...

The 10-minute raid injured at least four people and caused extensive damage.

Reports from Sidon said the four Israeli jets struck buildings of the Palestine Liberation Organization near the village of Darb al-Sim.

The PLO's "Force 17" unit had claimed that it had killed Ehabu Amedi, a 22-year-old student...

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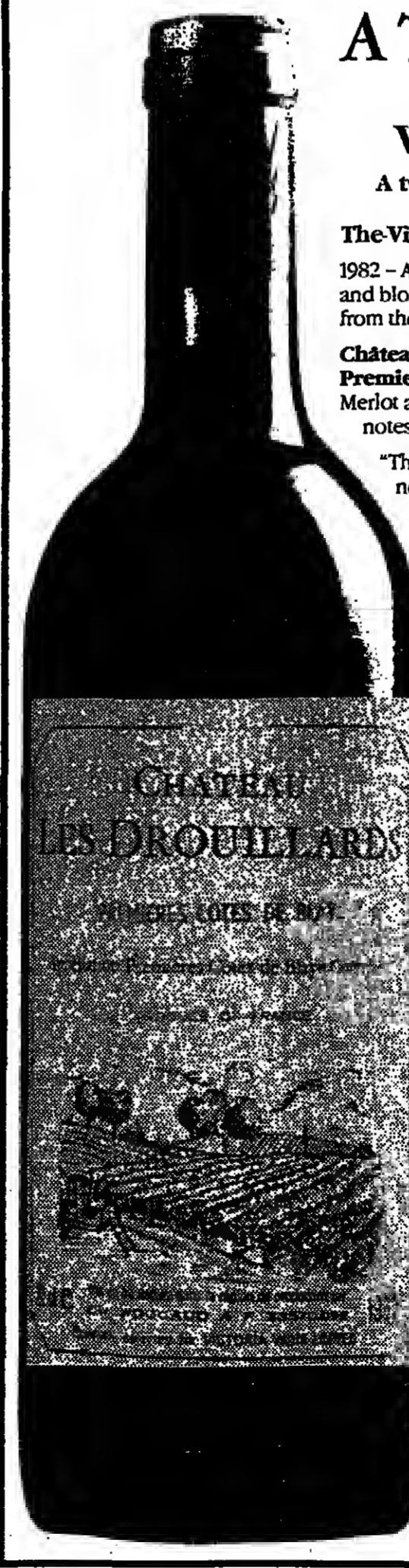
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# Step nearer to ending Sri Lanka dispute as Tamils join talks

From Our South Asia Correspondent, Bangalore

India and Sri Lanka yesterday moved closer to a settlement of the ethnic crisis caused by the Tamil separatist insurgency in the island republic.

After an airport meeting when Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, welcomed President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka to the summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Sarsa), an effort to persuade the Sri Lankans to yield more in their proposals to the Tamil population went into high gear as militant Tamil organizations based in India finally decided to join negotiations.

The aim, both Indian and Sri Lankan officials agree, is to press the Sri Lankan Government to offer an intrinsic link between the provincial council at present proposed separately for the north and east of the island. Aside from this, the aim is to convince it that, if it has more to offer, it should do so now in order to help bring the Tamil militants to the negotiating table, rather than at some unspecified future date.

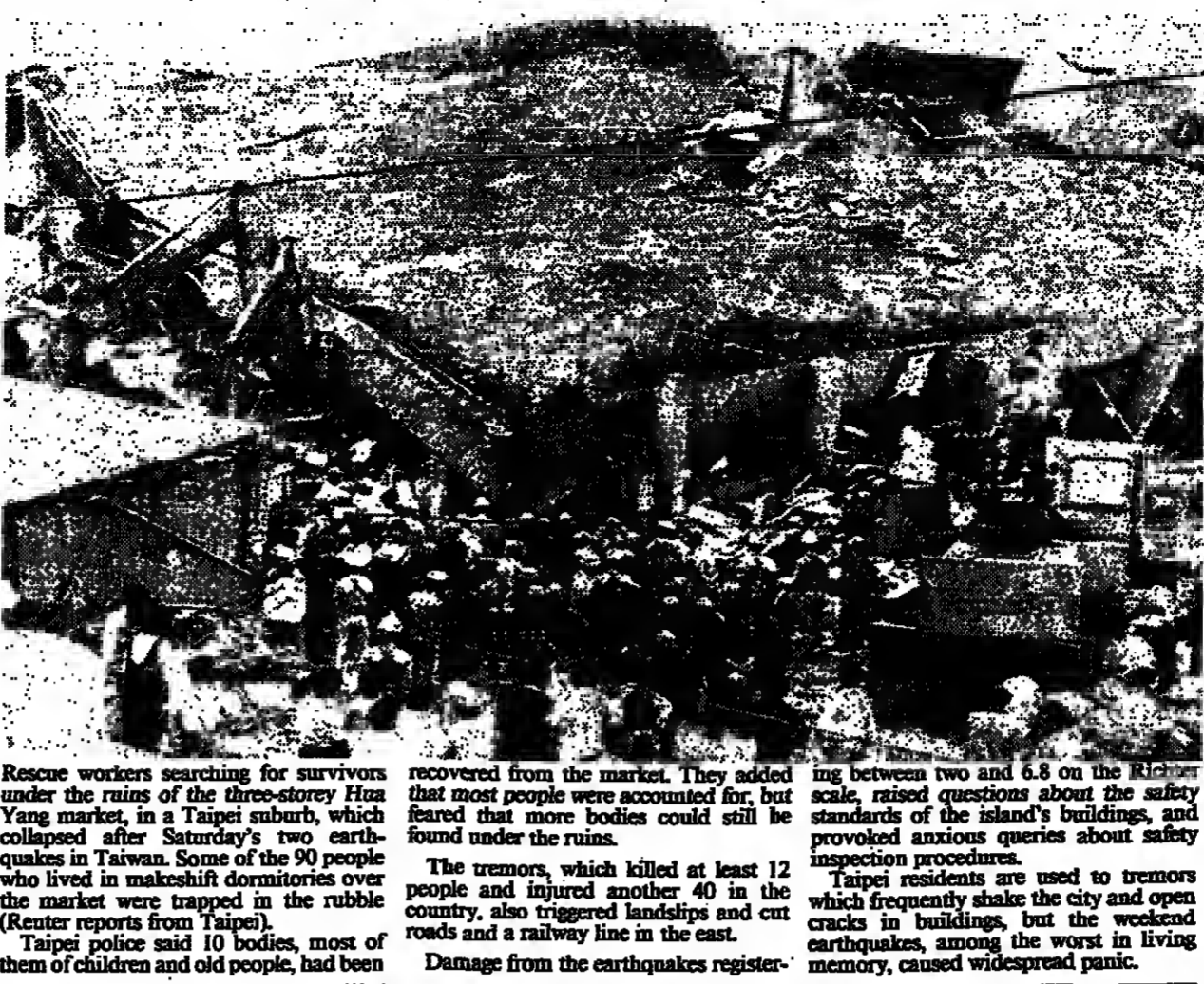
Mr Jayewardene, trying to convince the Indians of the inadvisability of the proposed linkage (which until recently the Indians themselves had been advising him not to offer), brought maps with him showing how the presence of significant Sinhalese and Muslim populations made the two provinces discontinuous.

Plainly Mr Jayewardene cannot agree to full regional integration, but one of the ideas at present being discussed involves the separation of two districts from the Eastern province and part of Trincomalee. Amparam district would be treated totally separately.

The Indians are not in the least convinced by this. They have in any case seen the maps before, and they have a number of territories within the Indian Union which are themselves made up of discontinuous enclaves. One is organizationally a unit with two enclaves away on the border with Gujarat which also used to be Portuguese territory, Daman and Diu.

Sri Lankan security forces have killed seven suspected Tamil separatist guerrillas in fighting in northern and eastern Sri Lanka, the official news agency yesterday (AFP reports from Colombo). Four troops were wounded when a separatist landmine exploded. Some members of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), the political voice of more moderate opinion, have to visit Pondicherry, a Union territory enclosed by Tamil Nadu which also has separate, discontinuous enclaves.

The talks, which began over lunch in the VIP suite at the airport, were continued yesterday by officials in Bangalore. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr M.G. Ramachandran, joined the talks later. He brought with him news that the most significant militant organization, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, had agreed to join in the



Damage from the earthquakes registered between two and 6.8 on the Richter scale, raised questions about the safety standards of the island's buildings, and provoked anxious queries about safety inspection procedures.

# India's seedbed of revolution

## Caste war fuels the class struggle

Bihar has become a byword for corruption and violence. In the first of two articles, Michael Hamlyn reports from Patna on a caste war which is generating revolutionary unrest.

In villages on the densely populated alluvial plain of the holy River Ganges in Bihar, an armed insurrection is being carried on by groups of Maoist Communist rebels. The state is the second most populous and arguably the most corrupt in India. The villages are among the poorest in the world. The rebels are known by the general term Naxalites, after another armed left-wing uprising which began 19 years ago in Naxalbari village in neighbouring West Bengal. They are also called the *Lat Sens* or Red Army.

Their most dramatic recent coup occurred last month when a band of gunmen, owing allegiance to a group calling itself the Maoist Communist Centre (MCC), entered the village of Dharmaia, in Bhojpur district, and killed 11 members of the land-owning Rajput caste. They cut off their victims' heads with sickles. The dead included five women, two of them teenagers.

Although the killings were carried out by a group with Naxalite credentials and were presented in a revolutionary guise, they were also an incident of an old-fashioned caste war which is proving a fertile ground for the growth of revolutionary sentiments. Bihar's rural society is marked by profound hostility between the castes. The upper

caste Brahmins, Rajputs and Bhoons (respectively descended from the priests, warriors and landowners of former times) quarrel with each other and with the backward castes of agriculturalists - the Kurmis, Yadavs and Koiris. These, in turn, fall out with each other and with 200 or so other minor backward castes. They all turn on the Harijans, the landless labourers and sweepers, who were once untouchable, and in some remote villages still are, and whom Mahatma Gandhi called "God's people".

The Dharmaia incident was a revenge killing for the deaths of seven backward caste members at the hands of a Rajput gang in Ramdih, in September. With such social tensions among the poor farmers scratching for a living in Bihar's soil, slights, real or imagined, competition for land ownership, and even sexual harassment can rapidly turn violent. All that the Naxalites have to do is to channel that violence.

To defend themselves against what one observer described this "natural wild urge", the upper castes have formed their own armies, small bands of highly-trained professionals with sophisticated weapons which can combine with the landlords' own

# Aquino aid deal put at risk by kidnap

From Keith Dalton Manila

President Corason Aquino's Government, bracing itself for a general strike in protest at the murder of the Philippines' leading trade unionist, Mr Rolando Olalia, yesterday faced a new crisis with the kidnapping of a Japanese businessman.

Mr Nobuyuki Wakajoi, aged 53, general manager of the Mitsui company's Manila office, was seized on Saturday afternoon by five heavily-armed men who stopped his car as he was returning to Manila from a sports club 30 miles south of the city.

No one has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, and no ransom demand has been received for the safe return of Mr Wakajoi, whose abduction two days after Mrs Aquino returned from Tokyo could jeopardize new Japanese aid and investment commitments she received.

Mr Olalia's badly mutilated body was found on the day Mrs Aquino arrived back in the Philippines from her four-day visit to Japan, raising speculation of a concerted attempt to destabilize the Aquino Government.

Both cases were discussed in an emergency two-hour meeting which Mrs Aquino held with about 20 senior government and military officials, but her spokesman refused to say whether a possible link was seen between the incidents.

"The moment I talk about implications of the kidnapping coming right after the Olalia murder, I might be skating on thin ice," the presidential spokesman, Mr Teodoro Benigno, said.

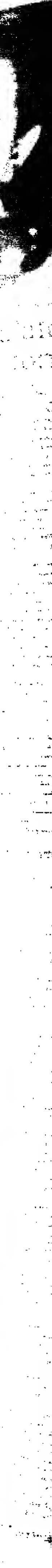
About 2,000 students and workers held a rally in Manila yesterday to denounce the Olalia murder several hours after Mrs Aquino told 15,000 supporters at a separate rally that she would "lead a war" against forces threatening her eight-month-old Government.

"I want to be known as a leader for peace, but if there is no other choice I am ready to lead a war," she said.

The 650,000-strong May 1 Movement, which Mr Olalia led, is spearheading the general strike in Manila and some provincial capitals.

Police numbers are being increased and new equipment, especially transport and radio-communications, is being bought.

But Mr Dubej is probably indulging in wishful thinking when he says: "The sense of insecurity which has crept into the peace-loving people of that area is being speedily removed. When they feel that the administration and police are making efforts to counter the violent activities, they are motivated and also emboldened to get out of the clutches of the extremists."



Mr Wakajoi seized by five armed men near Manila

# Herzog's Asia trip angers Muslims

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

An official visit by President Chaim Herzog of Israel to Singapore this week has aroused anger and resentment among the Muslim countries of the region.

Israeli presence in South-East Asia, low-key though it is, has long troubled Muslim nations. In the past two decades Israel has quietly established diplomatic missions in Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

All three are members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations. Asean's three other member states - Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei - are Muslim countries with no links at any level with Israel.

The Israeli President was to have visited the Philippines, but the trip was called off because of the uncertain situation in the country after the murder of a left-wing union leader last week.

President Herzog's visit to Singapore has stirred Muslim and other anti-Zionist groups in Malaysia and Indonesia into action. The ambassadors of Arab countries in Kuala Lumpur have voiced their regrets, and the Malaysian Government has withdrawn its High Commissioner in Singapore.

Meanwhile, a curious coalition of pressure groups, including fundamentalist Muslims and left-wing politicians, is planning a series of protest rallies in Malaysia. The Singaporean authorities are not taking any chances over the visit. Security is tight.

Israel-Singapore relations have improved steadily over the past two decades. When Singapore set up its Army after independence in 1965, it called on Israel for help to train it.

Financial links and trade have improved, and Singapore's arms industry has been producing modified versions of Israeli weapons.

# Babies wed to end family feud

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

An 11-month-old boy was married to a three-month-old girl in northern Bangladesh to end a 20-year feud between two families over a disputed farm, the government-controlled daily *Dainik Bangla* reported yesterday.

It said the marriage, attended by more than 1,000 people, took place in Aminpur village, in Pabna district about 20 miles from Dhaka, on Saturday.

The village headman decided to tie the two feuding families in marital bonds after he failed to end the dispute.

Child marriage, an old custom in Bangladesh villages, is punishable under a new law, but social welfare officials admit that it is still prevalent.

Bangladesh has set 22 years as the legal age for marriage for men and 18 for women to discourage early marriages.

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THE ARTS

Biggest battle of the literary season

Britain gets politely excited about the Booker Prize, but in Paris even the police are likely to be turning out, to stop the literati throwing pâtisserie, for today's announcement of the Goncourt winner



How it all started: Edmond de Goncourt (left) with his brother Jules, in whose memory he founded the prize in his own will

Of literary prizes there appears to be no end. But, while in Britain many are suffering from a surfeit of Booker and Whitbread, consider the literary digestion of the French, whose recent literature reaches a climax in Paris today. At midday, the jury of the Prix Goncourt meet for lunch in the epicurean elegance of Le Salon des Goncourts at the Restaurant Drouant in the Place Gaillon to cast their final votes and to announce this year's winner.

prize was awarded, 5,000 francs or (as it was then) was enough to fulfil his wish; but, if the nominal value of the prize would scarcely buy you a grog au rhum in the Café de Flore today, the resulting sales can earn the winning author, not to mention his publisher, a great deal of money.

So far to have found a British publisher (Century Hutchinson). If French literary circles are less celebrated than in the Fifties and Sixties, coteries are nevertheless more evident in Paris than in London. Writers and publishers still dine at the Brasserie Lipp, or meet at La Coupole or in the rarefied air of the Bar du Post Royal, and also often work as editors or readers in the major publishing houses. In the matter of prizes it has long been the case with three companies, Gallimard, Grasset and Le Seuil, and many are convinced that they have an unfair advantage since the jury, who are mostly published by these houses, must surely favour their fellow authors.

The Goncourt is the pinnacle of the prize season. Earlier this month the Grand Prix de Roman was awarded to Pierre-Jean Rémy; the Prix Renaudot, created to "correct the errors of the Goncourt", is also announced today; a week later come the Femina and the two Médicis (for one of which Julian Barnes's *Flaubert's Parrot* is on the short list); and, lastly, there is the Interallié on December 2. But, while Booker and Whitbread offer their ultimate prize-winners £15,000 and £17,500 respectively, the venerable jury of the Prix Goncourt, whose 10 members include Edmond Charles-Roux, Robert Sabatier, Michel Tournier and François Nourissier under their chairman, Hervé Bazin, hand over a cheque for a paltry 50 francs.

Sales of recent Goncourt winners average 300,000, not including book clubs. The 1984 winner, Marguerite Duras's *L'Amant*, is reckoned to have sold 800,000, although the record is still held by André Malraux's novel *La Condition humaine*, which won the prize in 1933 and has sold over two million copies. Other previous winners have included Marcel Proust, Henri Troyat, Simoon de Beauvoir, Romain Gary (who, notoriously, won it a second time under the secret pseudonym of Emile Ajar), Michel Tournier, Julien Gracq (who refused it) and Patrick Modiano.

Robert Sabatier comments "It is a tendency which I deplore, but it has to be said that these houses are more attached to good literature although in my opinion it is the book of the publisher which matters." Françoise Vermy, of Flammarion, formerly of Grasset and Gallimard, and one of France's most respected editors, believes that *La Bande de trois* do publish some of the best novels, but that does not mean that the Goncourt is fixed in any way. "There is never a prize without some people being convinced that there has been a *mouquette* [fix]," Sabatier and Michel Tournier, both respected for their impartial and often unpredictable judgements, think that some jury members have different concepts of the prize. Some feel it should go to a novel likely to attract a large

readership; for others it must be an original and "literary" work. If the former view prevails today, the winner should be *La Bataille de Wagram*; if the latter, the likely choices would be *Valet de nuit* or *Le Salon de Wartberg*. The jury are rarely in complete accord but, if they cannot agree, no black smoke will appear from the chimney of Chez Drouant; M Bazio will simply apply his casting vote.

Whoever it is, the Place Gaillon will certainly be filled to bursting with *Le tout Paris littéraire*, television cameras and the police, to dissuade anyone from throwing pâtisserie or ketchup as they have in the past. For the bookshops (many of which are owned by the crafty publishers), the prizes mean a constant demand for the winners until Christmas. "Prizes are like the bells which call the faithful to Mass," said a past Goncourt president, Roland d'Orgeles, and, in this contentious business of giving prizes to writers, the French obey the authorities, be they Goncourt, Renaudot, Femina, Médicis...

X. Libris



Arch manipulator in promising form

On Saturday Pat Phoenix sang her posthumous swansong as the bedridden Nellie in *Unnatural Causes* (Central); and last night Dennis Potter introduced his bedridden alter ego Philip Marlow in *The Singing Detective* (BBC1).

TELEVISION

In terms of musical taste, Philip had the edge over Nellie: he did not, for instance, sit up against the pillows in garish flounces and sing "You'll Never Walk Alone" (an evocative which will surely have seen off mountains of Kleenex). Stretched out in the Sherpa Tensing Ward with his body spattered with what looked like royal icing, Michael Gambon supplied the single most arresting image of the autumn's viewing, and, with his beleaguered acerbity, some of the finest dialogue. "Think of something, very boring," he urged himself as Jasmine Whalley's plastic-gloved hands produced a clinically redundant effect on his person. "Think of a speech by Ted Heath," a sentence by Bernard Levin, *The Godwinns*, *Women's Page*. Laughing to keep from crying is one way of coping with a chronic medical condition such as psoriasis; another is to bathe in the soup of nostalgia, the discoverable country which Mr Potter obsessively plundered. It is interesting to read in *Radio Times* that he now considers the musical sequences in *Panama from Heaven* to have been overdone. The earlier work did indeed have an awful lot of them, but then - since they provided the

ROCK

"They came to find justice, the Brixton way", intoned the percussion and effects man Dou Lents through a swathe of dreadlocks, and BAD opened the show with a spirited version of theme from *The Big Country*. Mick Jones's guitar twanging like that of vintage Duane Eddy, and a soundtrack of ricocheting bullets peppering the hall.

ROCK

explicit in "C'mon every beatbox", "A party" and the encore of Prince's "1999", and implicit throughout in the hip-hop rhythms, beatbox sounds and increasingly apparent reflexes of a traditional dance-floor rock group.

CONCERTS

To read an obituary of Vyacheslav Molotov on Wednesday, then hear a vivid performance of Shostakovich's Symphony No 13 on Friday, is to have one's mind sharply focused on certain grey areas in Soviet history.

Devastating irony in focus

persecution of people who think too much; the omnipresent fear of informers. One should remember, however, that the symphony was written in the extraordinary year 1962, when the Soviet censor binned and allowed the publication of Solzhenitsyn's *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, as well as the revival of Shostakovich's long-banned opera *Lady Macbeth of the Mzensk District*.

GERSHWIN TRIBUTE

Swingin' on Tenth Avenue Festival Hall

With the fiftieth anniversary of George Gershwin's death looming, we can presumably expect many more foggy tributes to London Town like this. "Wonderful it weren't, at least 'till the evening's star, Georgie Fame, got into his stride. Before that, however, a six-



The master clown in love with his work: Frankie Howard (photograph by Donald Cooper)

THEATRE

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Piccadilly

Lone survivor of the 1963 production and veteran MC of the *Up Pompeii* series, Frankie Howard comes on with the well-justified air of knowing all there is to be known about nookery in 200 BC. At first sight, features now resembling a half-malted waxen effigy of Edith Sitwell, he may not be everybody's idea of a genial host; he has no need to be. He is at home; and the least whiff of those pursed lips, or suggestion of an outraged glare, goes straight to the target.

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La traviata Covent Garden

It would take a miracle - or a change of conductor - to save this *Traviata*. But, with just one more performance to go, a glimmer of salvation has arrived in Beana Cotrubas, who replaces the ill and ill-cast Lucia Aliberti. Some of the vocal lustre may have worn a little thin, but the unmistakable glow of engagement in the character is all there. This Violetta - ardent, vulnerable, achingly isolated - has come out of herself and into the role. At last there is a shudder in the chest, above all a recognition of melodic line as an extension of breathing itself.

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Maisky/Gililov Wigmore Hall

crude, blowsy performance, with piano-playing of frumbersome elusiveness. Having got the Strauss off their chest, Maisky and Gililov turned to Beethoven. Maisky draws the crowds for two good reasons: he takes enormous risks in his playing, and that is always good entertainment value; and his absorbed, cootemptative voicing of the cello gives him an expressive range to play with very nearly the equal of the human voice itself.

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Richard Morrison, Hilary Finch, Irving Wardle





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Putting on side

Fresh from his tussle with a photographer at Heathrow, Sir Robert Armstrong, the cabinet secretary, plans to play cat and mouse with the Australian press...

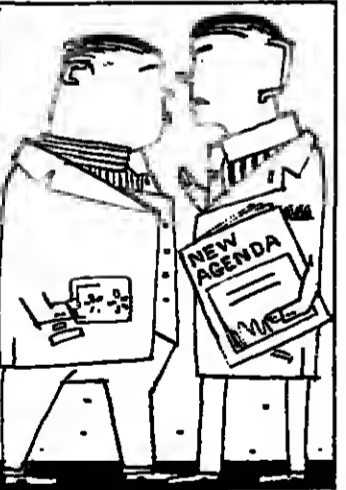
Apron string

With the prospect of urgent work ahead in Knowsley, the Labour Party has begun the process of electing its new National Constitutional Committee...

Miss TNT?

Apes Miss World, a picture of Northern Ireland beauties clad in kilts and balacavas is conjured up by a back-page ad in Ulster Defiant...

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm all for firm leadership but giving us the push is a bit much'

Joking apart

Sheikh Zayed, president of the United Arab Emirates, does not have the same sense of humour as his close friend General Zia Ul-Haq of Pakistan...

Rope tricks

Michael Croft, the founder and director of the National Youth Theatre who died on Friday, always had a soft spot for former Labour prime minister James Callaghan...

In the lead up to the negotiations with the local authority employers which started at Nottingham it was abundantly clear that the whole question of teachers' pay and conditions of service had reached a watershed...

These were the need to widen differentials and to create a structure which encouraged promotions and willingness to undertake responsibility...

I have reason to believe that when Shakespeare referred to "The insolence of office, and the spurns that patient merit from the unworthy takes" what he had in mind was local government bureaucracy...

When I moved into this house, in the 1950s, they planted a weeping willow in the front garden. The wife has, over the years, become an expert gardener...

The annual chorus of disapproval of official support for the arts has swelled to a particularly strident climax this year as the Arts Council faces a threat of the first cash cut in its 40-year history...

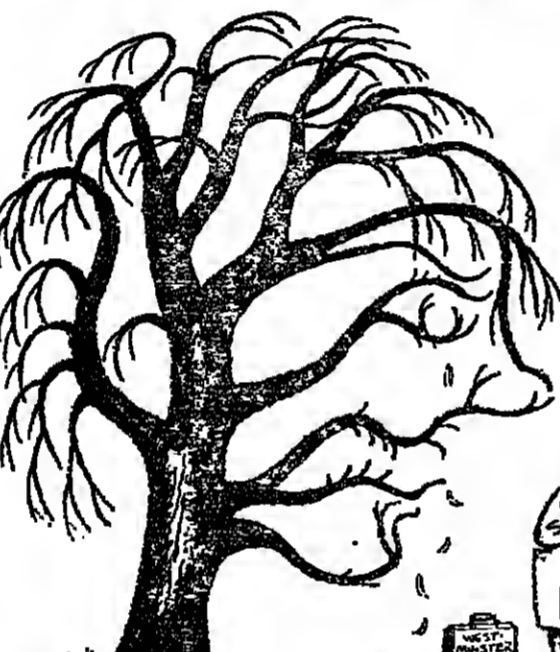
The Arts Council asserts that such an increase over its current basic funding of £110 million, accompanied by a projected £4 million reduction in the allocation for organizations affected by the abolition of the GLC...

An offer that would only harm education

package as a benchmark and seek to improve on it in salary terms as well as producing a solid middle-management structure which at least took on board the main thrust of his thinking...

Bernard Levin

Well Lady Porter, what will you do?



Paula Younis

hear anyone ring the bell; he said he had inspected the tree from outside the house; later, she got a letter from another council official which gave her no advice...

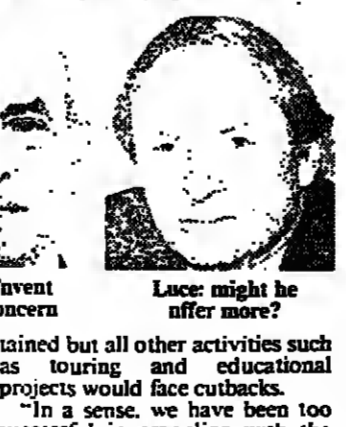
machinery covered by the Acas deal. We do not support Baker's solution of an interim review committee but we do thoroughly endorse his intention to wind up the discredited Burnham Committee...

both the pavement outside their house, and the roadway, for as long as it takes to do the work. Furthermore, although my friends' insurance seems to cover the cost of the work...

Enough of this persiflage. It is not necessary to apportion blame; the fact is that Westminster Council have made a bad mistake, and somebody there (Lady Porter seems the obvious candidate) ought to be magnanimous enough to take immediate steps to put it right...

negotiated with local authorities in the past year. "Government suggestions that the local authorities make up the shortfall ring rather hollowly in Tyne and Wear, where three of the five authorities are already rate-capped...

Real cuts in store for the arts



meets to consider its grant allocations on November 26. Alarmist suggestions that it may abandon one of the four national companies, or cut its grant in real terms, appear groundless...

A tale of two teachers

On Friday, while the local education authority employers and the leaders of the teachers' unions were staggering through the last hours of the negotiating marathon...

So far, so good. Strange though it may seem, the employers' proposals are tighter and more precise on "conditions of service" than Baker's...

Immigrants to this country who complain that they cannot speak English should be reminded that most of those who have lived here since the Norman Conquest can't speak it either...

Does it matter? Does it matter? Does it matter? After all when a farmer's wife in rural Radnor happily narrates: "er said to we... we know more or less what she means..."

House ownership is another delinquent which is steadily being erased. At one time the middle shopfloor foreman paid rent. Now both probably own their houses...

Does it matter? It does, not because we don't know what they mean but because Britain will never become a classless society - assuming that it wants to be until the English teach their children how to speak...

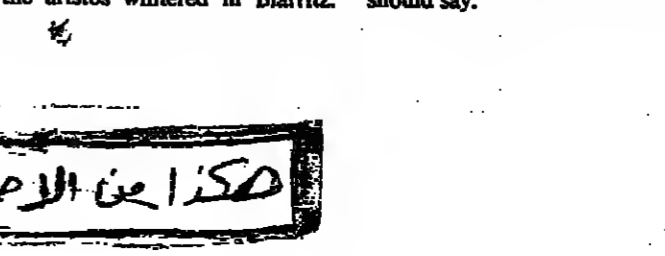
Henry Stanhope Wanted: a new Enry Iggins

Now it's the working man who goes abroad - and not just to Benidorm - while the square-jawed hero in Suffolk, Pork pies are in, paella is out...

The problem is too far-reaching and too deeply entrenched for one man to tackle it. Her Majesty's Inspectorate have recently expressed their alarm over the teaching of English in schools...

Throughout the World Cup and, for that matter, on Match of the Day, our footballers, changed into collar and tie, say in their post-match inquests: "I thought the lads done real good Jimmy..."

Why do they so unerringly get the grammatical creases with their mishapen prose or sky their solecisms into the Kop? Does it matter? It does, not because we don't know what they mean but because Britain will never become a classless society...









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USM REVIEW

Rough and ready old ways gave public a better deal

The Stock Exchange's new rules on share placings - the means by which most USM companies come to market - dismayed many practitioners in the market this week.

several brokers, and this benefited liquidity. Post-Big Bang rules, imposed at short notice, appear to have made everyone unhappy.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table with multiple columns listing various unlisted securities, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

US NOTEBOOK

Little hope of a big enough cut in imports

From Maxwell Newton New York The American consumer is showing no signs of wanting during the fourth quarter, to provide the sort of support for economic expansion that was forthcoming in the second and third quarters of this year.

COMMENT

Weak links in twin vision of the future

After so much introspection about the faults of Britain's industrial past, the CBI's initiative in collecting a group of young managers to look forward to the year 2010 was long overdue.

Tensions

The vision can be put in some perspective by comparing it with deliberations of another engineering committee in Japan. The object was for a group of mainly Japanese academics and non-Japanese businessmen to advise the Ministry of International Trade and Industry on how to develop the role of Japan in the global community.

Reform

The education system is looking to the past rather than the future and needs reform. In Britain's case this means making it more responsive to market forces, business needs and technology.

Revealing

information and day-to-day decisions, by introducing equal conditions of employment and ending the status system of perks. While the Japanese want to reduce the dominance of the organization man, they too value their own system.

Isabel Unsworth The author is a member of the small companies' unit at Phillips & Drew



Kichi Miyazawa: Agreement

The prospects for narrowing the deficit have been reduced following the success which the Germans, the Japanese and the Swiss have had in halting the appreciation of their currencies against the dollar.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts with columns for company names, prices, and other data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing investment trusts with columns for company names, prices, and other data.

COMPANY NEWS

TARGET MANAGED CURRENCY FUND: Year to June 30. Income was £64,208 (£164,400), expenditure was £26,500 (£36,483), net income was £37,708 (£127,917) and earnings per share were 3.1p (7.4p).

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES: Figures in £000. Latest dividend was 6p (5.5p). Turnover was 94,057 (80,795) for the half year to September 27. Pre-tax profit was 4,384 (3,272), tax was 877 (785), minority interests debt was 89 (nil). Earnings per share were 20.6p (15.2p).

HARTONS GROUP: In order to simplify the capital structure of its subsidiary, Elson and Robbins, Hartons Group has made an £80,000 cash offer, through its subsidiary, Hartons Estates, of 80p per share for all the issued 4.7% cumulative preference shares of Elson and Robbins. Hartons Group owns all the ordinary shares of Elson and Robbins and 6,915 preference shares (6.9%).

THE PLANTATION TRUST COMPANY: For the half year to September 30 total investment income was £229,083 (£246,020), total income £242,138 (£304,543). Interest payable on convertible loan stock was £131,250 (£136,640) and profit before tax £30,417 (£108,207). Profit after tax was £35,417 (£69,207) and earnings per share were 0.51p (0.99p). Net asset value - after deduction of convertible loan stock at nominal value - was 79.87p (77.75p), and after conversion of convertible loan stock and exercise of warrants was 89.41p (88.15p).

Having identified the problem, both groups walk smartly on. Yet, however desirable or inevitable this trend may be, it opens up the frightening prospect of an industrial core system split between dynamic core company men and wandering labour. It is a formula for industrial success but also for social division when things go wrong. In a fast-changing world with shifting labour and shifting patterns of trade, it may well be idle to rely on "a political context which fosters continuity of policy... stability and confidence", which the Vision team sees as central to all its other aims. It may be equally idle for MITI to plan for a stable international framework based on coordination of monetary and fiscal policies. Instability is an experience of the past that may safely be projected into the future.

Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on November 10. Dealings end on Friday. Settlement day next Monday. Settlement day December 1.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E are calculated on the middle price

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RACING: ASCOT WINNER EARNS TILT AT HENNESSY GOLD CUP

Church Warden triumph eases Dunwoody's aches and pains

By Michael Seely
Richard Dunwoody, who gave up his remaining mounts at Ascot on Saturday after driving Church Warden to that exhilarating victory over Berlin in the H & T Walker Goddess Chase, got quickly back to action yesterday morning...

Hammer Memorial Chase at Haydock on Wednesday, for which there were only four acceptors at yesterday's four-day stage. Church Warden's win at Ascot represented a skilful feat of training by Murray-Smith. "We've had a lot of problems with him," the trainer said yesterday...



At the end of a week in which he took a series of heavy falls, Richard Dunwoody manages a wry smile after winning Ascot's H & T Walker Goddess Chase on Church Warden

Hern loses horses owned by Abdulla

Dick Hern's loyalty to Willie Carson has resulted in the removal of Khaled Abdulla's five horses from West Isley (Michael Seely writes). "I will not be training for the prince next season, although we have parted on perfectly friendly terms," the royal trainer said yesterday...

LEICESTER

Table with 2 columns: Selections and By Mandarin. Lists race numbers and names like 12.45 Midnight Train, 1.15 Tinselt Rose, 1.45 Echo Sounder.

By Michael Seely
1.45 ECHO SOUNDER (nap). 2.15 Rising Forest.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 RISING FOREST.

Going: good, hurdle course; good to firm, chase course

Table for 12.45 STOUTENOVIC HURDLE (Div 1: £848; 2m) (22 runners). Lists runner numbers, names, jockeys, and odds.

1.15 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (£881; 2m) (22 runners)

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FORM

CHINDIE GIRL (10-9) won by 10 from Koyran (10-12) at Stratford (2m, £885, good, Nov 6, 1985). POWERLESS (11-4) led close home to win head from Bonanza Boy (11-4) at Chesham (2m, £1,345, good to soft, Nov 22, 1985).

1.45 HANCOCK HANDICAP CHASE (£1,752; 2m 4f) (9 runners)

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FORM

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2.15 JOHN O'GAUNT NOVICE CHASE (£1,880; 3m) (9 runners)

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FORM

NEWBURY (10-9) won, well, over 300 from Adartise (10-9) at Stratford (2m, £2,561, good, Oct 30, 1985). FRENCH GIGANT (11-0) won, always behind, from Lion Bar (11-0) at Stratford (2m, £2,561, good, Oct 30, 1985).

2.45 THORPE SATCHVILLE HURDLE (£2,092; 2m) (10 runners)

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3.15 THORPE NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £815; 2m) (13 runners)

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2.30 TATTERSALLS NOVICE CHASE (Mares; £1,519; 2m 40yd) (13 winners)

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3.0 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £885; 2m 30yd) (14 runners)

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3.30 WHITE HART HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,332; 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

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Fitzgerald to sustain good form

By Michael Phillips
RISING FOREST is supposed to extend Jimmy Fitzgerald's fine recent run by winning the John O'Gaunt Novices' Chase at Leicester this afternoon.

Aga Khan heads Irish list with just two winners

By Orr Racing Correspondent
The odds-on Kingsmill, should have been beaten into third place in the last Flat race on Saturday by the aptly-named 50-1 winner, Future Shock.

Teleprompter only fifth behind surprise winner

Lieutenant's Lark (Robbie Davis) was the surprise winner of the Washington DC International at Laurel Park, Maryland on Saturday night.

Record for Lucky Ring in group race success

Lucky Ring (Willie Carson) easily won the group two £17,507 Premin Ribot in course record time at the Capannelle, Rome yesterday.

WINDSOR

Table with 2 columns: Selections and By Mandarin. Lists race numbers and names like 1.00 My Son My Son, 2.00 Bright Morning.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 Rogairin.

Going: good to soft

1.0 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £885; 2m 30yd) (12 runners)

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1.30 RUSSELL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,315.40; 2m 40yd) (8 runners)

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2.0 SALT HILL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,657; 3m) (11 runners)

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Leaders over the jumps

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Saturday's results

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Course specialists

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Newcastle
1.15 1. Stands of Gold (11-10) won by 10 from...

FOOTBALL: GRAHAM REFUSES TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY A TABLE-TOPPING PERFORMANCE THAT FLOWS OUT OF A GOALKEEPER'S MISFORTUNE

When 'Lucky Arsenal' could not believe their spot of four-goal luck

By Vince Wright

Southampton.....0 Arsenal.....4

Championship challengers tend to achieve improbable victories from unpropitious situations. At half-time, with the scores level, Wallace would have given Arsenal much chance of winning...

So Arsenal cruised to their fourth successive away League victory — and on a ground where they have come unstuck in recent years. They are unbeaten in their last 10 League and Cup games...

Goalkeeper may have to be signed

Southampton face an anxious time as England goalkeeper Peter Shilton decides whether he is fit enough to face Aston Villa tomorrow.

While he is delighted that the team have done so well so soon, he said that he was disappointed with some individual performances against Southampton and that team spirit and organization had perhaps suffered through three injuries to Southampton's defence...

of playing for their country refused to leave them mentally, if not physically, tired. Anderson was one who appeared not to suffer any ill effects. He sealed many of the holes in Arsenal's defence and his knack of taking up good attacking positions was in evidence after 62 minutes when he headed a Williams free kick past Clarke's despairing leap.

Two minutes later Quinn, another of Arsenal's successes, widened the gap between the teams by powerfully heading home a Hayes corner but the crucial incident had come earlier in the second half. A lightning Arsenal breakthrough led to Flowers bringing down Groves in the penalty area and injuring himself in the collision. There was a long delay while Flowers was helped off the field but Hayes composed himself to convert his fourth spot-kick of the season.

With Shilton still injured, Southampton have a goal-keeping problem for tomorrow's Littlewoods Cup fourth-round home tie against Aston Villa. There are no reserves about a defence which has conceded more goals than any other first division side.

Ferguson's model students emerge

By Clive White

Norwich City.....0 Manchester United.....0

Manchester United were a revelation on Saturday. It was hard to believe that we were watching roughly the same group of players who had been flunking their first examination under Alex Ferguson's tutelage just a week before at Oxford. The dunce's cap has been lifted. United are on their way back to the top of the form.

Spurs of the moment

By David Powell

Tottenham Hotspur.....1 Coventry City.....0

David Platt, in his first season as Tottenham's manager, is trying to formulate an acceptable balance between the beautiful game for which his club is renowned and competitiveness. On Saturday, his position was too strongly biased with the latter.

Other than Coventry themselves, only Newcastle United have scored fewer first division goals than Tottenham this season, says Clive Allen, among the leading scorers.



Up and under, round ball version: Donaghy is the kicker and Birtles the human crossbar

Luton manager reserves his highest praise for Forest

By Nicholas Harling

Luton Town.....4 Nottingham Forest.....2

For once the emphasis was on the visiting team at Kenilworth Road and not the absence of the visiting team's supporters.

He was describing not his own side, who had extended their unbeaten home record, but Nottingham Forest, who had made the main, but not the most significant, contribution to a game unlikely to be bettered in England this season.

Crucially for Forest, the 16 minutes they took adjusting to the artificial surface was their undoing. By the time they had found their feet they were three goals down and heading the same way, it seemed, as Southampton, who 13 months ago were crushed 7-0.

Oldham resolute in reprise

By Peter Ball

Leeds United.....0 Oldham Athletic.....2

Just like a year ago, Oldham were in second place when they travelled to Yorkshire for their 15th match of the season on Saturday. There the similarities end.

from Clough's pass in the eightieth minute it was tempting fate at the time to say the goal had come too late for Forest, which ultimately it has.

Luton Town: L. Sneyd, T. Brackley, J. Jones, P. Nicholls, A. Foster, D. Donaghy, R. Wilson, B. Stott, M. Newell, M. Stan, A. Barnes (all 45), M. Bennett, M. McClellan, J. Shender, J. R. Taylor, A. Ralph. Nottingham Forest: G. M. D. Jones, J. Sneyd, J. Shender, J. R. Taylor, A. Ralph. Oldham Athletic: G. M. D. Jones, J. Sneyd, J. Shender, J. R. Taylor, A. Ralph.

Telford in different league as Burnley find nowhere to go

By Paul Newman

Telford United.....3 Burnley.....0

The scenes after a non-League side has knocked League opponents out of the FA Cup are usually predictable enough. The players say on the pitch to take the acclamation of the crowd, the manager runs out to congratulate them and the supporters rejoice every minute of it, knowing they may never have cause for such celebrations again.

Burnley, eighth from bottom of the fourth division, were up against the most consistent Cup giant-killing record in the last 60 years. In five seasons Telford have claimed 10 League scalps, becoming the first non-League club in modern times to knock out four League teams in one season, lost only four out of 19 Cup games against League opposition (away to Tranmere Rovers, Everton and Derby County twice), and remained undefeated in eight home games against League sides.

King just the job for Caernarfon. John King thought of applying for the manager's job at Stockport County when it fell vacant recently. (Paul Newman writes). He has stayed however with Caernarfon Town, the Multipart League club he has managed for the last year, and after their 1-0 victory over Stockport in the first round of the FA Cup on Saturday he had every reason to feel pleased.

West Ham too smooth to enjoy the party

By Simon O'Hagan

Wimbledon's matches nearly always present a contrast in styles but never more than when they are playing West Ham United. So when the East Ham side brought their flesh-muscles to the home-spun environment of Plough Lane on Saturday it was an opportunity to see not so much two football teams in opposition as two philosophies.

As might have been expected, West Ham knew just a bit too much for Wimbledon's style. They were winning 1-0 with a goal from Cotes 10 minutes into the second half. The watching Bobby Robson must have been impressed. But it was hard to get used to West Ham, as it always is when you turn up for a party in a suit and find all the other guests are wearing jeans. West Ham maintain their unbeaten away record in the League.

Closing on the leading group of clubs are Everton, for whom Neville Southall underlined his return to form after injury with an outstanding goalkeeping performance in the 2-0 win at Leicester City. Everton's scores were Heath and Sheedy.

Oxford United perpetrated the worst misdeed of the afternoon when the team bus left Grosvenor Park Rangers without seven players. It hardly seemed the way to treat a side who were only denied victory by a last-minute goal from Byrne. Houghton scored for Oxford.

Two other draws further showed how even things are in the lower reaches of the first division, Aston Villa and Chelsea finding no way past each other and Watford holding Newcastle United 2-2. Charlton's poor run continued with a 3-1 defeat at Manchester City.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Table showing weekend football results and league tables for various divisions including FA Cup, Scottish Premier Division, Scottish First Division, Scottish Second Division, and various amateur leagues.

POOLS CHECK

Table showing pool check results for various football leagues.

Close final but Flyers skate off the victors

By Norman de Mesquita

Nottingham Panthers.....5 Frife Flyers.....4

The introduction of ice hockey to the National Exhibition Centre for Saturday's Norwich Union cup final was an unqualified success. The evening was perfect, the large crowd enthusiastic and the game totally absorbing.

The final result was decided in the second minute of sudden death overtime, following 60 minutes of play when there was never more than one goal between the two well-matched teams. Jimmy Jack gave Frife Flyers the lead in the third minute, only for Fred Pettin to level the game seven minutes later.

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By Paul Newman

John King thought of applying for the manager's job at Stockport County when it fell vacant recently. (Paul Newman writes). He has stayed however with Caernarfon Town, the Multipart League club he has managed for the last year, and after their 1-0 victory over Stockport in the first round of the FA Cup on Saturday he had every reason to feel pleased.

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Noah's perseverance paves way past new Swede for all seasons

Yannick Noah took three hours and 49 minutes to beat Jonas Svensson by 6-2, 6-3, 6-7, 4-6, 7-5 in a superb final at Wimbledon yesterday. Noah had five match points in the tie-break that ended the third set.

A doubtful pleasure

Chicago - Hans Mandlikova has the dubious pleasure of facing the No. 1, Martina Navratilova, for the second time in six days, in the final of the Virginia Slims tournament in Chicago (Barry Wood writes).

Collision is costly for Murray

Australia IV beat Kookaburra III here yesterday in one of the closest races and finishes seen in the America's Cup trials. Nowhere in the 24-mile race were the yachts more than 20 seconds apart - that was until a collision on the third leg.

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Mysons restore pride

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Down but not out: Yannick Noah takes a tumble but he persisted to defeat Jonas Svensson at Wimbledon yesterday

Davis caps fine year with a win

Melbourne (Reuter) - Two years after he was broke when a hotel venture failed, Roger Davis capped a superb year by winning the Australian Open title at the Metropolitan Club yesterday.

Hull left trailing

The touring team were warmly applauded as Peter Sterling, the former Hull player, led them onto the field, and they met firm and bruising tackling from the Australians.

Sajid Ali opens for Pakistan

West Indies played the fourth one-day international with Pakistan here today slightly apprehensive about the reception they might receive from the spectators.

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MOTOR RALLYING

Third stage unlucky for woman driver

The difficulties facing the drivers on the first day of the Lombard RAC rally were vividly illustrated as Louise Aitken-Walker, of Britain, went off the road and hit a parked car, an ambulance and a spectator in a high-speed accident on the third special stage at Sutton Park, Birmingham.

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FOR THE RECORD

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ICE HOCKEY

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Table listing golf tournament results and scores.

BASKETBALL

Table listing basketball game results and scores.

REAL TENNIS

Table listing real tennis match results and scores.

TRAMPOLINING

Table listing trampoline competition results.



Sharon Jones and Paul Ashkan after defending their title

One judge brave enough to ditch preconceptions

It may be seen in the future that November 15, 1986, was the day that Sharon Jones and Paul Ashkan, of Ayr, North Ayrshire, finally stepped out of the shadow of illustrious predecessors as holders of the ice dance title.

More ID cards

Torquay United, who attract average gate of less than £2,000, are the latest club to introduce an identity card system for their supporters.

For the first time...



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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Davalle and Elizabeth Larard

When Britain became the front line

"This isn't warfare," says the man from Hull in A People's War (Channel 4, 10.00pm). "It's murder!"

CHOICE

The in-vision use of actors to speak the actual comments that were collated by Mass Observation during the war.

Black Lessons (ITV, 8.30pm), this week's World in Action report gives blacks in Britain the platform from which they can argue against the judgment of the Conservative MP who recently

categorized most West Indians as boorish good-for-nothings and the even more sensational view expressed in more than one tabloid newspaper that West Indians in Britain are lawless, drug-taking and violent.

Best of the rest on TV: another chance to enjoy David Attenborough's memorable encounter with a family of mountain gorillas in Life on Earth (BBC1, 7.35pm); an encouraging film

about what two west London hospitals are doing to ease the burden of the elderly in Nurses (BBC2, 10.10pm); the further adventures of the despicable Leslie Timmus, (now a widower and making capital out of it) in Paradise Postponed (ITV, 9.00pm).

Best on radio: Russell Davies's feature Realm of the Kingfisher (Radio 3, 7.30pm) about the free-wheeling American politician Huey P Long who was maligned in the Broderick Crawford film All the King's Men; and the repeat broadcast of Howard Barker's powerful play Scenes from an Execution (Radio 4, 8.15pm) with Glenda Jackson and Freddie Jones, which ran away with the 1985 Prix Italia for the year's best drama.



The four competitors in The Krypton Factor: From left, Anna Sroczynski, Stuart Worthington, Steve Cross, and Keith Marshall (ITV, 7.00pm)

Peter Davalle

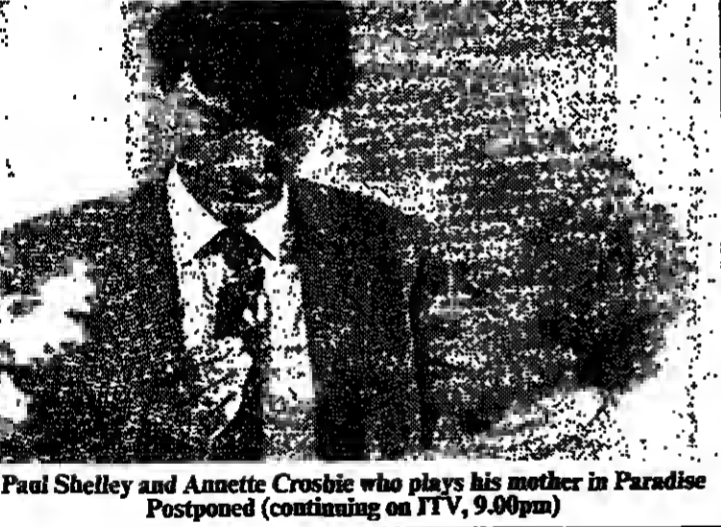
- BBC1
6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.30 The Filantinos. Cartoon 6.55 Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00.

- BBC2
8.00 Ceefax
8.30 Daytime on Two: A study of school-leavers in Leominster 10.00 For Four and five-year-olds (r) 10.15 Music-making together (r) 10.30 Czech hill farming (r) 11.00 Sweden's Festival of Lucia 11.22 Psychological guessing game (r) 11.45 Religious studies (r) 12.00 How fashion reflects modern life.

- ITV LONDON
9.25 Thames news headlines
9.30 Schools: Picture Box: The Christmas Messenger 9.47 Stop, Look, Listen A: How a market is set up 9.55 Time for... 10.15 Hair, make-up and body-painting 10.45 Be Your Own Boss: The decisions faced by young people who look for jobs...

- CHANNEL 4
2.30 The Late Late Show. RTE's long-running music and chat show hosted by Gay Byrne. Irish music, Irish current affairs, presented by Gordon Burns.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to Vanessa Greig and Lady Rodgrave, the actress Rachel Kempson.

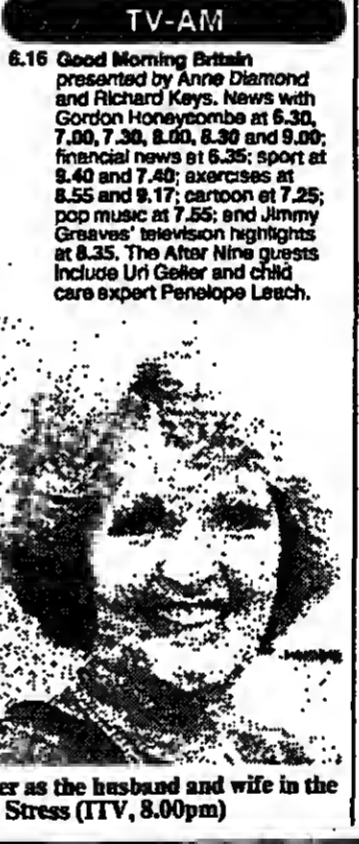
- VARIATIONS
BBC1 WALES 6.55pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.55-7.00 Home Brew 11.40-12.00 Revue in the Classroom? 12.10 News. 2.20 TALK. 5.50pm-11.00 Seal Scoop 6.25pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 6.25-7.00 Inside Scoop 6.55-7.00 Mesterwain 11.40-12.25am Showwell 12.25-12.30 News EWOS and 6.55pm-7.00 News magazine.



Paul Shelley and Annette Crosbie who plays his mother in Paradise Postponed (continuing on ITV, 9.00pm)

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Peaseloe Keith and Geoffrey Palmer as the husband and wife in the comedy series Executive Stress (ITV, 8.00pm)

- 11.00 The Eleventh Hour: We're Not Mad... We're Angry. A dramatic documentary investigating Britain's system of psychiatric care.
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- ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 Anglia News and Weather 1.30-3.30 Compton's Country (1957) 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 5.50-6.00 News 6.25-6.55 Inside Scoop 6.55-7.00 Mesterwain 11.40-12.25am Showwell 12.25-12.30 News EWOS and 6.55pm-7.00 News magazine.
CENTRAL As London except: 1.20 Centre News 1.30-3.30 Film: Image of Passion (1985) (Times: 15.00) 5.00-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 5.50-6.00 News 6.25-6.55 Inside Scoop 6.55-7.00 Mesterwain 11.40-12.25am Showwell 12.25-12.30 News EWOS and 6.55pm-7.00 News magazine.

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- Radio 5
8.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Chopin (Grandes valse brillante in E flat. Op 18. Liszt, Piano),...
8.30 News. 8.45 News. 9.00 News. 9.15 News. 9.30 News. 9.45 News. 10.00 News. 10.15 News. 10.30 News. 10.45 News. 11.00 News. 11.15 News. 11.30 News. 11.45 News. 12.00 News. 12.15 News. 12.30 News.

- Radio 4
On long waves: (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shopping. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25-7.00 News. 7.00, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day
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- World Service
8.00 Newsweek (until 6.30), 7.00 World News 7.20 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 The Radio 4 News 12.30 Arts & Entertainment 8.15 Scoop 8.30 Anything Goes 8.00 News 8.05 Review of the British Press & Media 8.15 News 8.30 News 8.45 News 8.55 News 9.00 News 9.05 News 9.15 News 9.30 News 9.35 News 9.45 News 10.00 News 10.05 News 10.15 News 10.20 News 10.25 News 10.30 News 10.35 News 10.40 News 10.45 News 10.50 News 10.55 News 11.00 News 11.05 News 11.10 News 11.15 News 11.20 News 11.25 News 11.30 News 11.35 News 11.40 News 11.45 News 11.50 News 11.55 News 12.00 News 12.05 News 12.10 News 12.15 News 12.20 News 12.25 News 12.30 News

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